

J. Frandsen, ^{Post} 11/15/76 Managed Local Office for UPI

Julius Frandsen, former Washington manager and vice president of United Press International and a newsman for 45 years, died yesterday at George Washington University Hospital after a long illness. He was 69.

Mr. Frandsen joined United Press in 1929 after two years as a copy reader with the Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

He spent the remainder of his career as a wire service reporter and editor in Washington and New York with UP and UPI, taking a direct hand in some of the biggest stories of the past four decades.

Mr. Frandsen was involved in coverage of the Hindenburg dirigible disaster at Lakehurst, N.J., in 1937. He was at the news desk in Washington when the banks closed in 1933, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, when Franklin D. Roosevelt died at Warm Springs, Ga., when the United States dropped the first atom bomb and when World War II ended in August, 1945.

A meticulous planner of news coverage, Mr. Frandsen also played a major role in directing on-the-scene reporting of national political conventions from 1940 through the 1972 Democratic National Convention.

He arranged coverage for visits to this country by foreign heads of state, trips abroad by U.S. Presidents, presidential elections and inaugurations, and such unexpected crises as developments related to the assassination of John F. Kennedy and the civil rights demonstrations and race riots of the 1960s.

During the first two years of his UP career, Mr. Frandsen was a reporter and editor in New York. He then moved to Washington for a four-year tour before returning to New York as an assistant news editor from 1935 to 1938.

Mr. Frandsen became news editor in Washington in 1939, directing UP's Washington coverage and staff in that post until 1964 when he became Washington manager. In April, 1966, he was elected a vice president of UPI.